

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2006

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, August 14, 2006 in Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Lesser
Vice President Duba
Treasurer Creary
Commissioner Davalos
Commissioner Freeman
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner Tanberg
Commissioner ZeBrack

Introduction of the audience followed.

(Commissioner Gravely joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2006

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Creary, and duly carried, with President Lesser and Commissioner Jernigan abstaining, the minutes of July 24, 2006 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lesser reported the she and Commissioners Davalos and Rodriguez attended the Association of California Commission's for Women (ACCW) Quarterly Meeting on August 4-5, 2006 in Palm Springs. Commissions were informed that commissioners receiving a stipend must take ethics training. Several commissions have taken the needed training.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Creary reported on expenditures for July 2006. The beginning balance as of July was \$22,841.24; expenditures were \$2,875.00; income was \$562.50; and the ending balance was \$20,528.74. The monthly allowance for August 2006 is \$1,866.25.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- On Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. the Board of Supervisors will have a special presentation at the Board meeting to proclaim August 26, 2006 as

"Women's Equality Day" in Los Angeles County. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

- The National Association of Commission's for Women (NACW) sent the Commission an award of recognition for the 5K Run/Walk and scholarship program. Next year's NACW Convention will be held in Louisville, KY on July 11-15, 2007.
- The Brown Act Workshop will be held on September 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 374 of the Hall of Administration.
- As a result of the passage of Assembly Bill 1234, all commissioners receiving a stipend must attend ethics training by January 1, 2007. The County will coordinate the training and staff will inform the Commission when it is available.
- Supervisor Burke recently reappointed Commissioners Jernigan and Becerra-Jones to the Commission.

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services reported that Rhonda Rangel new staff member for the Commission for Women, will start on Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

PRESENTATION ON THE ROAD TO EQUITY: A STATEWIDE AGENDA FOR CALIFORNIA'S WOMEN AND GIRLS

Surina Khan, Sr. Program Officer, Women's Foundation of California, gave an overview of the On the Road to Equity a Statewide Agenda for Women and Girls. In May 2005 the Women's Foundation embarked on the Road to Equity Tour, a project to identify the issues, needs and solutions for women and girls in California. The tour consisted of staff traveling over 2,500 miles to 10 cities and meeting with more than 1,000 women and girls who shared testimony, insight and the power of women and girls to change the world for the better.

Information gathered from the tour resulted in five recommendations for developing a statewide agenda for women and girls. These recommendations are built around four core strategies of community-organizing for movement building, leadership development, policy advocacy and increasing investments in programs that benefit women and girls.

The key issues for women and girls in California are: (1) Improving Access to Affordable, Quality Healthcare, (2) Reducing Violence Against Women and Girls, (3) Ensure Women's Economic Security, (4) Improving Access to Safe, Affordable Housing, and (5) Nurturing the Personal Development of Young Women and Girls. The Women's Foundation promised to bring these concerns to community based organizations and policymakers to implement programs, support the development and capacity of community organizers and activists to participate in crafting and changing policy.

The report *On the Road to Equity* can be obtained by contacting the Women's Foundation of California or visiting their website www.womensfoundca.org.

(Commissioner Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.)

APPROVE \$300 TO PURCHASE A BUSINESS CARD AD WITH TWO TICKETS TO ATTEND THE WOMEN AT WORK 2006 MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON

On motion of Commissioner Davalos, seconded by Commissioner Jernigan, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$300 to purchase a business card ad with two tickets to attend the Women at Work 2006 Medal of Excellence Luncheon on October 20, 2006, at the Westin Hotel in Pasadena.

APPROVE \$500 TO PURCHASE A FULL PAGE AD IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REHABILITATION SERVICES ANNUAL DINNER

On motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Treasurer Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$500 to purchase a full page ad in support of the Southern Rehabilitation Services Annual Dinner on September 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cerritos Park East Community Center.

APPROVE \$1,000 TO CO-SPONSOR THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH 2007 HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT

On motion of Treasurer Creary, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, with President Lesser abstaining and duly carried, the Commission approved \$1,000 to become a Co-Sponsor of the Office of Women's Health 2007 Health Policy Summit.

APPROVE \$200 FOR TWO TICKETS TO ATTEND THE CENTER FOR THE ASIAN PACIFIC FAMILY 28TH ANNIVERSARY GALA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 AT THE GILMORE ADOBE

On motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets up to \$125 each to attend to the Center for Asian Pacific Family Gala, as amended.

DISCUSSION ON THE COMMISSION'S ANNUAL RETREAT

President Lesser reported that the retreat will be held on September 25th following the Commission's regular meeting. Staff is compiling information to select a venue. Alicia Jacobs agreed to be the facilitator. Commissioners Freeman and Rodriguez will participate on the Ad-hoc Retreat Planning Committee with President Lesser.

UPDATE ON THE 5K RUN/WALK

Vice President Duba reported the following:

- To date \$24,000 has been raised.
- Bill Bogaard, Mayor of Pasadena and United Nations of Pasadena are confirmed to attend the run/walk.
- Dr. Eloisa Gonzalez is confirmed to lead the aerobic warm-up.

- Katy Sullivan, a bilateral above the knee amputee, is confirmed to participate as a runner in the race.
- The race t-shirt was designed by Ashley Datcher, Fifth District, 2005 Scholarship Awardee.
- Run LA will have a team of 30 students participating in the race this year.
- Sheriff Baca has been encouraging law enforcement to participate in the race.

Vice President Duba requested that the cancellation of the September 11, 2006 meeting be placed on the next agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan attended community meetings on debates to raise the minimum wage at the national level. Minimum wage in the United States has been \$5.15 for the past 10 years, while Congress recently voted to increase their salaries by 18%. In California, the minimum wage is \$6.25 with a bill awaiting the Governor's signature to raise the minimum wage to \$7.25 by 2008. She urged voters to contact their Congress Members to request that the minimum wage be increased nationally. Also, she noted that \$83 million was allocated to Foster Care in the 2006-2007 State's budget and that Prop 83 (repeat sex offenders will be required to wear a tracking device while on parole) will be on the November ballot.

Media Committee: Commissioner Gravely reported that she is stepping down as chair of the Media Committee and Commissioner Freeman will preside as Chair and Commissioner Pinedo as 1st Vice Chair. Commissioner Freeman reported that she has written a press release on the 5K Run/Walk and has contacted the Auditor's Office to reserve an announcement of the 2007 5K Run/Walk on the July 15, 2007 County Payroll Check Stub. Ian Govednik has completed the DVD of the Awards Luncheon and Commissioner Freeman requested that it be viewed by Commissioners at the Retreat. Dee Govednik has agreed to participate as a committee member. Commissioner Freeman has also requested that staff send a copy of the *2005 Race is On* DVD to Margot Winchester. She would also like extra copies made of both DVD's.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.)

Older Women's Issues Committee: Treasurer Creary reported that the Mid-Life and Older Women's Conference at East LA College on July 29, 2006 was very well attended. She attended Commissioner Mummey's workshop on Legal Issues and reported that it was excellent. Commissioner Mummey had the attention of all in attendance and answered many questions, she also distributed the Legal Guide for Widows to each participant.

Health Committee: Treasurer Creary distributed the minutes and gave an overview of the August 2, 2006 committee meeting. She also reported that on July 31, 2006 the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services inspected Martin Luther King Jr./Drew

Medical Center to determine whether the hospital should continue to receive federal funding.

Domestic Violence Committee: Commissioner Rodriquez was approached by a few DV Shelters on the criteria used to select shelters for the Commission's Annual Domestic Violence Grant Presentation. She suggested that written criteria be established.

Education Committee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the Education Committee will meet today to review the process to score the scholarship applications. She also informed the Commission that the Food Policy was accepted by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandra Barbee attended the Older Women's Conference and distributed Commission materials and registration forms for the 5K Run/Walk. She also noted that Commissioner Mummey's workshop was very informative.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Creary attended the National Medical Auxiliary Convention in Dallas, TX on August 4-10, 2006 where she was unanimously elected President-Elect of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association. She will be installed in Honolulu, HI on August 9, 2007. The Commission congratulated Commissioner Creary on her recent appointment.

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Domestic Violence Council's meeting to discuss the issue of women incarcerated for prostitution.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda):

Commissioner Davalos was elected Vice President of the ACCW, and Commissioner Tanberg was chosen to receive the Public Service Award from the LAC Commission on Disabilities. The Commission congratulated them both.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Charlotte Lesser, President
Reiko Duba, Vice President
Ruth Creary, Ph.D., Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Karin Davalos
Peggy J. Freeman

Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Michele Pinedo
Olivia Rodriguez
Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Elise ZeBrack

EXCUSED

Janet Mummey, Esq

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Khanh Nguyen, Sandra Barbee, Twila P. Kerr and Nyla Jefferson, Executive Office
Gwen Evans, OAAC

GUESTS

Kurt Freeman
Surina Khan